

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 133.

This bill alters the procedure for implementing a fee system to cover the reasonable cost of reviewing grading and sediment control plans by local soil conservation districts and requires soil conservation districts to assess the reasonable cost of reviewing these types of plans for the succeeding year. The fee system is submitted to the local government, which has 90 days to either enact the fee system, enact a different fee system or otherwise provide funding for the soil conservation district. If the local government fails to accept or modify the final fee system recommended by the soil conservation district, the fee system submitted by the soil conservation district takes effect.

The provisions of this bill do not affect a public local law or ordinance in effect before July 1, 1998 that relates to the review of grading and sediment control plans by a soil conservation district and that establishes a mechanism for annual review of fees and provisions to amend the fee schedule.

House Bill 65, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 14, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 133.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 133

AN ACT concerning

Soil Conservation Districts - Funding

FOR the purpose of altering the mechanism for funding certain activities of certain soil conservation districts through fee systems; requiring certain soil conservation districts to develop certain costs in the preparation of certain fee systems; requiring submission of certain fee systems to certain local governing bodies; allowing certain local governing bodies to provide certain funding to soil conservation districts in certain manners; providing that certain fee systems shall take effect in a certain manner under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to soil conservation districts and funding.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Agriculture